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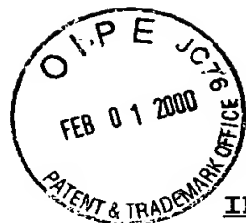
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Applicants : Graham P. Allaway, et al.
Serial No. : 09/412,284
Filed : October 5, 1999
For : METHODS FOR USING RESONANCE ENERGY TRANSFER-BASED ASSAY OF HIV-1 ENVELOPE GLYCOPROTEIN-MEDIATED MEMBRANE FUSION, AND KITS FOR PRACTICING SAME

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January 28, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

COMMUNICATION REQUESTING CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

This Communication is filed to request a corrected Filing Receipt in connection with the above-identified application. Upon receipt of the official Filing Receipt for the subject application, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, applicants' undersigned attorney noticed errors.

Applicants hereby respectfully request that a corrected Filing Receipt be issued. After "TITLE" the following now appears:

"FLOURESCENCE RESONANCE ENERGY TRANSFER SCREENING ASSAY FOR THE IDENTIFICATIONS OF HIV-1 ENVELOPE GLYCOPROTEIN-MEDICATED CELL"

A corrected Filing Receipt should read as follows:

--METHODS FOR USING RESONANCE ENERGY TRANSFER-BASED ASSAY OF HIV-1 ENVELOPE GLYCOPROTEIN-MEDIATED MEMBRANE FUSION, AND KITS FOR PRACTICING SAME.--

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In support, applicants attached hereto as **Exhibit B** a copy of a Second Preliminary Amendment and Submission of Information Disclosure Statement which was filed on January 7, 2000 with the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the subject application to amend the title of the subject application.

After "CONTINUING DATA AS CLAIMED BY APPLICANT" the following now appears:

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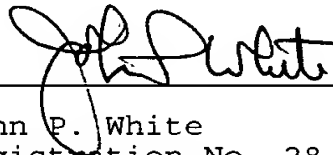
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Applicants contend that the change to the Filing Receipt is due to a clerical error made by the United States Patent and Trademark Office and that the correct continuing data may be found in the Preliminary Amendment filed on October 5, 1999, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**, and the first paragraph of the specification, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.

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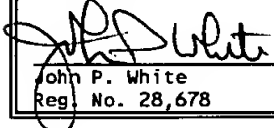
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Respectfully submitted,



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